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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : Ulrich Feldhues et al.  
Serial No. : To Be Assigned  
Filed : Herewith  
For : PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF SUBSTITUTED 4,4'-DIAMINOSTILBENE-2,2'-DISULPHONIC ACIDS  
Art Unit : To Be Assigned  
Examiner : To Be Assigned

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February 11, 1998

Hon. Assistant Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

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